

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article designed like underpants, with a pants chassis, a first leg opening, a second leg opening and a waist opening, the absorbent article comprising:

at least a first openable seal line arranged at the first leg opening, said first openable seal line having a first sealed configuration defined by said first openable seal line being sealed by a predetermined sealing means prior to use and, after the predetermined sealing means is broken, a second resealable configuration; and

first and second opening and closing means arranged to cooperate with one another when the predetermined sealing means of the openable seal line is broken so as to releasably reseal the openable seal line in the second resealable configuration,

wherein the first and second opening and closing means are situated on respective sides of the first openable seal line and are arranged entirely on a surface of the pants chassis, the first opening and closing means being arranged entirely on an inside surface of the ~~underpants~~ pants chassis and the second opening and closing means being arranged entirely on an outside surface of the pants chassis such that a first opened edge of the openable seal line is overlapped with a second opened edge of the openable seal line when the openable seal line is resealed in the second resealable configuration.

2. (Original) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second opening and closing means are arranged substantially parallel to a main line of extent of the first openable seal line.

3. (Original) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second opening and closing means comprise touch-and-close tapes.

4. (Original) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second opening and closing means comprise adhesive surfaces.

5. (Original) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first openable seal line arranged at the first leg opening defines a substantially linear line.

6. (Original) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a second openable seal line arranged at the second leg opening.

7. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein in the first sealed configuration of the openable seal line, said absorbent article defines a pants diaper shape, and ~~wherein in the second resealable configuration of the openable seal line,~~ said first and second opening and closing means are disposed so as not to protrude from beyond the pants diaper shape.

8. (Newly Added) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein in both the first sealed configuration and the second resealable configuration of the openable seal line, said first and second opening and closing means are disposed so as not to protrude beyond the openable seal line.